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### Abstract

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## Properties of black Y<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub> sintered bodies

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### Abstract

Black Y<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub> pieces are obtained by heating in a reducing atmosphere, and they have some properties other types of Y<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub> do not have. In this study, hardness, transmittance and thermoluminescence of black Y<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub> sintered pieces are investigated.

The Knoop hardness numbers of the black Y<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub> pieces vary from 615 to 804 kg/mm<sup>2</sup>, and the average hardness number is 699 kg/mm<sup>2</sup>, which is nearly equal to that of a colorless piece. In-line transmittances of the dark Y<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub> pieces in the 0.2~11 μm wavelength are lower than those of colorless pieces. The trap level of the black Y<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub> pieces is 1.22 eV.

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